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SUBJECT: BLACK LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DISCUSSION WITH YOU, REGARDING
BLACK LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHOM YOU MAY WISH TO SEE,
SENATOR CLARK ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE SENT TO
YOU:

BEGIN QUOTE

MOST BLACK LEADERS DETAINED, BUT IN PAST EVEN
PRISONERS HAVE SEEN VISITING FOREIGN OFFICIALS. STRONGLY
URGE THAT YOU PERSONALLY ASK VORSTER TO SEE TOP BLACK
LEADERSHIP, REGARDLESS OF DETAINMENT.

TOP PRIORITY. ASK TO SEE NELSON MANDELA, HEAD OF
BLACK AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. MOST WIDELY RESPECTED
BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER. HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE
VISITING FOREIGN OFFICIALS (BRITISH MP). PRISONER,
ROBBEN ISLAND.

WINNIE MANDELA, HIS WIFE. ACTIVE IN BLACK PARENTS
ASSOCIATION. HOUSE RECENTLY FIRE-BOMBED BY DEMONSTRATORS.
BECAUSE ASKED RESTRAINTS, MAY BE IN DETENTION,
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NOT HIGH SECURITY.

ROBERT SOBUKWE, HEAD OF PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS. FREE,
BUT UNDER INCREASINGLY RELAXED BANNING ORDER.

STEVE BIKO, FOUNDER OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGAN-
IZATION. CHAIRMAN OF PORT ELIZABETH, BPC. VERY
ARTICULATE. MAY BE DETAINED.

DR. MANUS BUTHELEZI. FREE. HEAD OF BLACK PARENTS
ASSOCIATION AND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

HLAKU KENNETH RACHIDI. PRESIDENT, BLACK PEOPLES
CONVENTION. MAY BE DETAINED.

DILIZA MJI. PRESIDENT, SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS
ORGANIZATION. MAY BE DETAINED.

END QUOTE ROBINSON

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